



2014 Ohio Election Calendar



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Dec. 12	Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before Feb. 5, 2014 deadline for filing petitions for May 6, 2014 primary election).....	R.C. 4301.33, 4305.14
Dec. 21	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Feb. 4, 2014 special election must be ready (45 days before special election).....	R.C. 3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of February 4, 2014 special election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
Dec. 24	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before special election)	R.C. 3503.12
Dec. 31	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Feb. 4, 2014 special election must be ready (35 days before special election).....	R.C. 3509.01

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Reference

Jan. 1	Applications for absentee ballots for 2014 elections may be accepted (first day of the year)	R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Jan. 6*	Deadline for voter registration for Feb. 4 special election (30 days before special election).....	R.C. 3503.19
Jan. 15	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.24
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before special election).....	R.C. 3505.19
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on the Feb. 4 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.21
Jan. 21	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.23
Jan. 24	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before special election).....	R.C. 3505.21
Jan. 25	Boards of elections must give public notice of election (10 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.03
Jan. 26	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 6 election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3511.16
Feb. 1	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed must be received by the boards of elections by noon (3 days before special election)	R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02
Feb. 3	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before special election)	R.C. 3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms for handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's office (no later than day before special election).....	R.C. 3501.29
Feb. 4	Special Elections may be held. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	R.C. 3501.01, .32
	If voter, or voter's minor child, is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08
	Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
Feb. 5	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before primary election)	OH Const. XVI, §1
	Declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before primary election).....	R.C. 3513.05
	Local questions and issues for primary election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before primary election).....	R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02, 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Feb. 14	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked not later than Feb. 3 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election).....	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election)	R.C. 3511.11
Feb. 15	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of special election ballots (11 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
Feb. 18*	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidates' petitions (78 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05
	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before primary election)	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Feb. 19	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of special election ballots no later than this date (15 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
Feb. 21	Protests against partisan candidates' petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before primary election).....	R.C. 3513.05
	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m.	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Feb. 24*	Write-in candidates for May 6 election must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before primary election).....	R.C. 3513.041



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Feb. 25	Boards of elections must complete canvass of special election ballots no later than this date (21 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
	Form of official ballots for primary/special election must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05
	Board of elections of most populous county in a multi-county subdivision must certify names of candidates to other boards of elections (70 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05
Feb. 28	Protests against write-in candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.041
March 7	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before primary election)	R.C. 3501.27
March 22	UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 6 election must be ready (45 days before primary election)	R.C. 3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of May 6 election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before primary election)	R.C. 3511.16
March 25	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before primary election)	R.C. 3503.12
April 1	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 6 primary election must be ready (35 days before primary election)	R.C. 3509.01
April 6	Feb. 4 special election ballots may be discarded unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.31
April 7*	Deadline for voter registration for May 6 primary election (30 days before primary election)	R.C. 3503.19
April 16	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before primary election)	R.C. 3503.24
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before primary election)	R.C. 3505.19
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on May 6 primary election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before primary election)	R.C. 3505.21
April 22	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before primary election)	R.C. 3503.23
April 25	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before primary election)	R.C. 3505.21
April 26	Boards of elections must give public notice of election (10 days before primary election)	R.C. 3501.03
April 27	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Aug. 5 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
April 28*	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on primary ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (10 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.30
May 1	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on the ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.30
May 3	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for May 6 primary election must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before primary election)	R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02
May 5	Nominating petitions of independent candidates for offices for which a primary election may be held must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary election)	R.C. 3513.257
	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary election)	R.C. 3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's office (no later than day before primary election)	R.C. 3501.29
May 6	Primary Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	R.C. 3501.01, .32
	If voter, or voter's minor child, is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08
	Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
May 7	Local questions and issues for Aug. 5 special election must be certified to boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.01, .02
May 16	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than May 5 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary election)	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary election)	R.C. 3511.11
May 17	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of May 6 primary election ballots (11 days after primary election)	R.C. 3513.22
May 21	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of May 6 primary election ballots no later than this date (15 days after primary election)	R.C. 3513.22
May 27	Boards of elections must complete canvass of May 6 primary election ballots no later than this date (21 days after primary election)	R.C. 3513.22
June 6	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.27



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June 12	Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before August 6 deadline for filing petitions for Nov. 4 general election).....	R.C. 4301.33, 4305.14
June 15	Board of elections of most populous county of a district located in more than one county must transmit petitions of independent candidates to other boards of elections	R.C. 3513.262
June 21	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 5 special election must be ready (45 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Aug. 5 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
June 24	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before special election)	R.C. 3503.12
July 1	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 5 special election must be ready (35 days before special election)	R.C. 3509.01
July 2	Constitutional amendments or statutes proposed by initiative petitions submitted directly to the voters must be filed with Secretary of State (125 days before general election)	OH Const. II, §§1a-1b
July 6	May 6 primary election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after primary election)	R.C. 3505.31, 42 USC 1974
July 7*	Deadline for voter registration for Aug. 5 special election (30 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.19
	Election Administration Plans for Nov. 4 general election must be submitted to Secretary of State's office (120 days before general election)	LWV Settlement Agreement
July 15	Boards of elections must certify petitions of independent candidates	R.C. 3513.262
July 16	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.24
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.19
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on Aug. 5 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.21
July 22	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.23
July 25	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.21
July 26	Boards of elections must give public notice of special election (10 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.03
July 27	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Nov. 4 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before general election)	R.C. 3511.16
July 30	Protests against independent candidates nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m.	R.C. 3513.262
Aug. 2	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Aug. 5 special election must be received by noon (3 days before special election)	R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02
Aug. 4	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before special election)	R.C. 3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's office (no later than day before special election)	R.C. 3501.29
Aug. 5	Special Elections may be held. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	R.C. 3501.01, .32
	If voter, or voter's minor child, is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08
	Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
Aug. 6	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before general election)	OH Const. XVI, §1
	Nominating petitions of candidates in nonpartisan races must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	R.C. 1907.13, 3513.259, .263
	Local questions and issues for general election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02, 4301.33, .331, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 11*	Political party or independent candidate nominating committees must certify name of person to fill vacancy on ballot caused by withdrawal or disqualification of candidate by 4 p.m. (86 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.31
Aug. 15	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than Aug. 4 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election)	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 5 special election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election)	R.C. 3511.11
Aug. 16	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Aug. 5 special election ballots (11 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
Aug. 18	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of candidates' petitions in nonpartisan races (78 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.263
	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before general election)	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14



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Aug. 20	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Aug. 5 special election ballots no later than this date (15 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
Aug. 22	Protests against candidates for nonpartisan office must be filed by this date (74 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.263
	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before general election).....	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 25*	Write-in candidates must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before general election).....	R.C. 3513.041
Aug. 26	Boards of elections must complete canvass of Aug. 5 special election ballots no later than this date (21 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
	Form of official general election ballots must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before general election).....	R.C. 3505.01
	Board of elections of most populous county in a multi-county subdivision must certify names of all candidates for general election ballot to other boards of elections (70 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.01
Aug. 29	Protests against write-in candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.041
Sep. 5	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before general election)	R.C. 3501.27
Sep. 20	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 4 general election must be ready (45 days before general election)	R.C. 3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Nov. 4 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before general election)	R.C. 3511.16
Sep. 23	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before general election).....	R.C. 3503.12
Sep. 30	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 4 general election must be ready (35 days before general election).....	R.C. 3509.01
Oct. 5	Aug. 5 special election ballots may be discarded, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.31
Oct. 6*	Deadline for voter registration for Nov. 4 general election (30 days before general election)	R.C. 3503.19
Oct. 15	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before general election)	R.C. 3503.24
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.19
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on Nov. 4 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before general election).....	R.C. 3505.21
Oct. 21	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before general election).....	R.C. 3503.23
Oct. 24	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before general election).....	R.C. 3505.21
Oct. 25	Boards of elections must give public notice of Nov. 4 general election (10 days before general election)	R.C. 3501.03
Oct. 26	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of Feb. 3, 2015 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
Oct. 27*	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (10 days before general election).....	R.C. 3513.31
Oct. 30	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of independent or nonpartisan candidate prior to Oct. 25 (10 days before general election) must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before general election).....	R.C. 3513.31
	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before general election).....	R.C. 3513.31
Nov. 1	Applications for absentee ballots for Nov. 4 general election to be mailed must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before general election)	R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02
Nov. 3	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before general election)	R.C. 3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's office (no later than day before general election).....	R.C. 3501.29
Nov. 4	General Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.....	R.C. 3501.01, .32
	If voter, or voter's minor child, is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08
	Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
Nov. 5	Local questions and issues for Feb. 3, 2015 special election must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).....	R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02
Nov. 14	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than Nov. 3 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election).....	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election)	R.C. 3511.11



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Nov. 15	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Nov. 4 general election ballots (11 days after general election).....	R.C. 3505.32
Nov. 19	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Nov. 4 general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after general election)	R.C. 3505.32
Nov. 25	Boards of elections must complete canvass of Nov. 4 general election ballots no later than this date (21 days after general election)	R.C. 3505.32
Dec. 11	Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before Feb. 4, 2015 deadline for filing petitions for May 5, 2015 primary election)	R.C. 4301.33, 4305.14
Dec. 20	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Feb. 3, 2015 special election must be ready (45 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of February 3, 2015 special election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
Dec. 23	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before special election)	R.C. 3503.12

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Reference

Jan. 1	Applications for absentee ballots for 2015 elections may be accepted (first day of the year)	R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Jan. 4	Nov. 4, 2014 general election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after general election)	R.C. 3505.31, 42 USC 1974
Jan. 5*	Deadline for voter registration for Feb. 3, 2015 special election (30 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.19
Jan. 25	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 5, 2015 primary/special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3511.16

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Ohio Campaign Finance Reporting Calendar

See [Ohio Revised Code §3517.10](#) for complete details of the timing and requirements for most campaign finance reporting.

2013 Annual ¹	Jan. 31, 2014 to disclose activity through Dec. 31, 2013
Pre-Primary	April 24, 2014 to disclose activity through April 16, 2014
Post-Primary	June 13, 2014 to disclose activity through June 6, 2014
Semiannual ²	July 31, 2014 to disclose activity through June 30, 2014
Pre-General	Oct. 23, 2014 to disclose activity through Oct. 15, 2014
Post-General	Dec. 12, 2014 to disclose activity through Dec. 5, 2014
2014 Annual ³	Jan. 30, 2015 to disclose activity through Dec. 31, 2014

These deadlines are based on the **2014** primary and general election dates. Activity related to special elections may require reporting on different dates. Filing entities submitting reports to a county board of elections are encouraged to contact the board for special elections dates and filing deadlines not included on this calendar.

Additional Filing Requirements for Statewide Candidates

Monthly reports are due of any statewide, not General Assembly, candidate campaign committee to report contributions received during the months of July, August and September.

In 2014 these reports are due on the following dates:

July contributions:	August 5, 2014
August contributions:	September 3, 2014
September contributions:	October 3, 2014

Monthly reports are independent of any other report. The data listed in these reports are not repeated in any subsequent report.

Visit the Ohio Secretary of State's website for additional compliance resources including reporting forms, instructions, statutes and rules.

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¹§3517.10 (A)(4) The 2013 annual is not required of any filing entity for which a 2013 post-general is required.

²§3517.10 (A)(4) Requires the semiannual to be filed by statewide and county candidates in non-election years and completely exempts all judicial candidates.

³§3517.10 (A)(3) Requires the Annual report to be filed no later than the last business day of January. In 2015, the last business day is Friday, January 30.

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Ohio Campaign Finance Notice Calendar

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- Jan. 21 Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file annual campaign finance report [R.C. 3517.11](#)
- April 14 Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file pre-election campaign finance reports..... [R.C. 3517.11](#)
- June 3 Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file post-primary election campaign finance reports..... [R.C. 3517.11](#)
- July 21 Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file semiannual campaign finance reports [R.C. 3517.11](#)
- Oct. 13 Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file pre-general election campaign finance reports [R.C. 3517.11](#)
- Dec. 2 Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file post-general election campaign finance reports..... [R.C. 3517.11](#)

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